CLAIMS:

1.   A method for determining whether a font file is corrupted, said method comprising the steps of:

comparing information associated with a font file stored in a computer system with information associated with an uncorrupted font file; and

in response to said step of comparing, determining whether the font file stored in the computer system is corrupted.

2.   The method according to claim 1, wherein the information associated with the font file and the information associated with the uncorrupted font file is checksum data.

3.   The method according to claim 1, wherein if the font file is corrupted, said method further comprising the step of replacing at least a portion of the font file with the uncorrupted font file.

4.   The method according to claim 3, wherein said step of replacing further includes the steps of:

transmitting the uncorrupted font file from a font server to the computer system; and

storing the uncorrupted font file in memory in the computer system.

5.   The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving at a font server, the information associated with the font file, wherein said font server performs said step of comparing and determining.

6.   The method according to claim 5, further comprising the step of transmitting a result of said step of determining to the computer system.

7. The method according to claim 5, wherein if the font file is corrupted, said method further comprising the step of transmitting the uncorrupted file to the computer system for replacing at least a portion of the font file.

8. The method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of charging to replace the at least a portion of the font file with the uncorrupted file.

9. The method according to claim 5, where if the font file is corrupted, transmitting a request to the computer system asking whether at least a portion of the font file should be replaced with the uncorrupted file.

10. The method according to claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from the computer system for the uncorrupted font file to replace the at least a portion of the font file;

transmitting the uncorrupted file to the computer system; and

charging to replace the at least a portion of the font file with the uncorrupted file.

11. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of charging an account associated with the computer system for performing said method.

12. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving at the computer system the information associated with the uncorrupted font file from a font server, wherein said steps of comparing and determining are performed in the computer system.

13. The method according to claim 12, further comprising the step of displaying a message indicating whether the font file is corrupted, responsive to said step of determining.

1   14.   The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of determining

2   whether a preset corruption period has expired and initiating said step of comparing when said

3   preset corruption period has expired.

1   15.   The method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of resetting the

2   corruption period in response to said step of initiating.

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